

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Next to a water-mill, the colored brother loves the luxury of a law-suit.

Jno. Begley, Esq., has put a new porch in front of his residence, and is refitting generally.

Tom Harvey, Esq., was grinding corn last week. He probably got hungry for hoe-cake.

The Valley is like unto a flower-garden, and the air is laden with the perfume of fruit-blossoms.

Roadoverseer Begley is very busy on the public highways, and a marked improvement follows his line of work.

M. Patton, Esq., has taken charge of the City Hotel, at West Plains, and will open out with a grand ball on Friday night.

The pay-car went down the road Monday, making the railroads' pockets heavy and their hearts light, by the magic of its coming.

The Ironton public school closes this week, and unless a "pay school" catches them on a fly, the youngsters will have a good, long holiday.

Judge Russell has leased Mr. Begley's stone quarry for the summer, and will furnish good building stone to all who may require it.

J. N. Bishop has had his store repaired, and it now flames out in all the glory of bright salmon. (Noble's girl's favorite color is salmon.)

Ironton now gets four mails each day—two north and two south—in addition to the inland pouches. Mail-cars were put on Nos. 693-4 on the 13th inst.

J. A. Markham, just south of Judge Emerson's, advertises a No. 1 article of sweet-potatoes, tomato and cabbage plants for sale, at reasonable charges.

Dog-wood and wild cherry and lone fishermen are in bloom. We believe Mr. Bishop has a full assortment of tackle, to suit all sizes, ages, sexes and conditions.

A. Roehry, Esq., in a few days will start to France to visit his parents and relatives. We wish him *bon voyage* and a happy sojourn in the home of his childhood.

The old Patton property on the south side of our house square was sold under mortgage last Saturday. James Buford bid it in for Mrs. C. A. Downs, the present occupant.

The thermometer at St. Louis registered 90 degrees in the shade last Saturday. A few more such days and the summer exodus will begin. Arcadia Valley is a summer resort.

Trains are not now running so regularly irregular as they were during the winter months. The steam horse evidently gathers strength with the warm days and growing grasses.

Forty-eight hours of high winds culminated in a terrific rain-storm, with thunder and lightning, last Saturday afternoon. No great damage was done, but a good many people were unnerved.

At this writing—Tuesday 9 A. M.—the barometer indicates a storm within the next twenty-four hours. Time will soon determine the reliability of the instrument in the beautiful Valley.

A black river man is putting up a building near the depot, to be used as an eating-house. The pillars which support the edifice can not be commended for either strength or beauty.

Nothing has been heard of the third prisoner who escaped from the Ironton jail a few weeks ago. As his offense was not heinous, the State has got rid of him at little cost. Keep going, Mr. Piper!

Circuit Court next week. A light docket and a tolerably peaceable community indicate a short term, though there's no telling how much hidden cussedness the Grand Jury may develop and bring to light.

The oyster trade for this section is closed until the beginning of the fall trade. It went out last Monday with a cargo retailed on the streets, at 25 cents a can. The oysters were all right when they were dredged from the bottom of the sea, no doubt, but last Monday they had lost all pretension to respectability.

The east side of Main street on the post-office block ought to be made to "postpone" with the west side in the matter of curbing. We'll do our share, if the other property-owners will come to the scratch. What say you?

W. H. Thomson, Cashier Boatmen's Saving Bank, St. Louis, paid the Valley a flying visit last Saturday. He and his family will go East for a couple of weeks, after which his home for the summer will be on his farm near Arcadia.

W. P. McCarver, Esq., has rented the room under the I. O. G. T. Hall, and in a few days will open out a family grocery store. His goods have arrived but the fitting up of the room has been delayed owing to a temporary scarcity of carpenters.

Get ready your refrigerators and your coolers. The ice-consuming season is at hand, and the cry of the vender of that article will soon contend with the trumpet of the butcher, the milkman's bell, and the huckster's appeal. Also, spring bonnets are ripening.

The Quarterly Conference for the first quarter of the present conference year, of Ironton and Webster circuit, will be held on Saturday, 21st inst., at the M. E. Church, this place, at 3 o'clock P. M. Presiding Elder Hagerty will preach on Saturday evening and on Sunday.

The Greason Farm will be sold at partition sale on Wednesday next week. It is one of the finest farms in Southeast Missouri, with ample acreage highly improved. The terms of sale are: 10 per cent. cash, and the remainder on 12 months' time, with approved security.

Wagon-bridges across the most dangerous fords are needed. One bridge a year beginning with the streams intersecting the most frequently traveled roads—could easily be built by the county, and, in a comparatively short time, travel need not be impeded, and life imperiled, by high waters.

MARRIED—On March 25th, 1883, by J. B. Hampton, Justice of the Peace, at the residence of the bride's father, near Annapolis, Mo., Mr. AUGUST LOPEZ to Mrs. JENNIE HUMBER—both of Iron county.

Now that it is so near house-cleaning time, it would be well to know that everything can be found at Lopez's to help you decorate your homes—wall paper in beautiful designs, furniture, carpets, oil cloths, curtains, crochets, fringes for furniture, etc., etc.

A commendable improvement on the street leading to Goulding's Park is contemplated. Dr. G. will change the entrance to the park from the south to the east side, provided the city will bear part of the expense necessary in making the piece of new road leading to the contemplated entrance. If the change be made, it will lessen the distance to the park considerably—especially on a very warm day—and will be a public benefit. The Doctor says if the city will pay \$10 toward the expense incurred, he will do the rest; which is a liberal offer. The total cost will not be less than \$30.

John Johnson, of Pilot Knob, is a colored gay Lothario, and his success with the fair sex works envy and hatred and malice in the hearts of his less successful dark-skinned competitors. Their bickerings culminated last Thursday night, when Allison Casey, Howe Luder, Will Brickey and Jeff Bird hied themselves to Johnson's castle, where he was basking in the smiles of an ebony houri. They went as a storming party, determined to capture the fort or die in the attempt, but that determination was directly modified by the appearance of Johnson, behind a big revolver. The muzzle of the "gun" was too big for the stomachs of the assailants, and they departed, nor stood upon the order of their going, but went quickly. Johnson ran Will Brickey home, and then followed Casey to Ed. Anderson's domicile, whether he had come for safety. But the women-folk barred Johnson's entrance, and he then went to his castle and repose. The next act in the drama was played before Judge Finger, and all the parties participated dutifully, and sent into the cooler because of inability to "pony up." Some of them have since paid out, but Johnson, we believe, still pines away and sighs for his Inamorata and freedom.

## Drowned in the St. Francois.

Last Thursday afternoon, about four o'clock, Jacob Razer, with his wife, and three children, one of them a young boy named Vance's daughter—attempted to cross the St. Francois at the Slater ford, one mile below the Silver Mines. The river was pretty full from late rains. After driving in Mr. Razer found the water deeper than he had supposed it to be, and he tried to turn the team around to drive out again. But he lost control of the horses, and the wagon-bed was washed off the preceding gear, and ran into the water. Mr. R. and wife and two children—a boy about six years old, and a girl of 12—were washed down the stream and drowned. The other child, a boy about ten years old, after floating down the stream, half mile on a comfort that had covered the bottom of the wagon, lodged against a sand-bank or little island in the stream. The Vance girl was with him on the comfort, but he was so exhausted he could render her no assistance, and she fell back in the water, and that was the last he saw of her. The boy remained on the island all night, and next morning the waters having subsided considerably, he waded to the shore, and seeking the nearest farmhouse, gave the alarm. Everybody turned out at once and began searching for the bodies. The horses were first found, standing in the water still attached to the front part of the running gear—the kingbolt having dropped out when the wagon overturned—and unimpaired. The body of Mrs. Razer was found in the evening, and her husband's the following day, Saturday. The little girl was found Monday evening, but the remains of the boy are yet undiscovered.

The whole community is aroused by this awful calamity, for Mr. Razer was an old resident, and favorably known to everybody in the south end of Iron county. A married daughter, an elder sister and the little boy who so bravely fought for and saved his own life, are all that remain of the family of six.

## Personal.

Mrs. Lopez has returned from St. Louis. Mr. Hugh Smith, of Poplar Bluff, was in town this week.

Mr. G. M. Palmer spent several days here this week with his family.

Mrs. S. Hovey, of Hopewell, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Wm. Cronmer.

Mr. A. Long, representing the Kimbrough-South St. Louis, was in Ironton Monday.

Mr. Jas. Hill, of Fredericktown, spent several days in town this week visiting his sister, Mrs. M. Tong.

Mr. Frank Seville came down from St. Louis last Saturday evening, and spent Sunday with his family at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Langdon came up from Dunklin county last week, and on Monday moved to their residence in Russellville.

Messrs. S. T. Gay and W. W. Nall left on Monday morning for Kansas City, where they go to attend the Grand Lodge of K. of H.

Mr. P. A. Mosser and little Miss Mamie left on Thursday for St. Louis. Mrs. Mosser accompanied them as far as De Soto, on a visit to Mrs. W. Nicolls, returning Friday evening.

## Pilot Knob Items.

There were several cases of sickness here last week.

Pilot Knob school contemplates a picnic and exhibition in the grove at the close of school.

Miss Jennie Crane returned to home Sunday, from St. Louis, where, for several months she has been in attendance at one of the musical institutions of the city.

"The small boy now locomotes the street with a yard of calico tied to his toe, a monument of the stubborn fact that stones have rights even a boy is bound to respect."

The Union Sunday School reorganized last Sabbath, by electing Mr. W. G. Ditz superintendent. Plenty of good literature is distributed every Sabbath, and the children should attend well.

A typographical error in the election report of last week made it appear that some "scratching" of ballots had been done. (The vote of Mr. Jaguth should have been 35 (fifty-five) instead of 25 (twenty-five) votes.

We may be over-fascinated, but we doubt if a girl, or young lady, should lavish kisses upon a young man; but when it comes to her actually hugging him, just for his amusement, we think it is time for parental interference.

Mr. Steffens insists that your itemizer of last week was a little careless in his use of "s's," thus making an item read in the plural; urges that the Front street bars have no storage across their street, and that they obey the law. The itemizer begs pardon, if wrong. That's right; obey the law.

The students of the Advanced Grade determined, Thursday evening last, to surprise their teacher, F. C. Miller, with a party. The latter, having a hint of the intention of the boys, just settled down to an evening's work, when a rap at the door gave notice of the presence of a house full of pretty girls and good-natured boys, each with a package of confectiories, and bent on an evening's enjoyment. As an eye-witness, we would judge that they received a hearty welcome and enjoyed themselves.

## A General Stamped.

Never before was there such a rush made for the Drug Store as is now, for a Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds. All persons affected with Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe coughs, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs, can get a trial bottle of this great remedy free, by calling at the Pilot Knob Drug Store.

Ironton may congratulate herself on the return of a practical and experienced watchmaker, Herr Ferd. Gammeler. He has given ample proof of his ability, and we hope the public will appreciate it.

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DIED—At Ironton, Mo., Sunday, April 15, 1883, of typhus malaria, MINNIE E., daughter of William and Josephine Crommer, aged 11 years, 9 months and 3 days.

The funeral took place from the Presbyterian Church at four o'clock P. M. Monday, services being performed by the Rev. A. W. Wright, after which the remains were interred in the Masonic cemetery.

The sympathy of all who know them is given to the grief-stricken parents, but the sweet face and pure spirit that have gone from the house leave a vacancy never to be filled. But as the years go by, time, with its healing balm, will deaden the pain of the bruised hearts of those that remain. Let us trust that even in their anguish the bereaved parents may be led to exclaim—"Thy will be done."

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A DISAPPOINTMENT.—Judge Emerson had promised, months ago, and has been extensively advertised in North Missouri, to deliver addresses this week at Kirksville and the Normal, and especially at the laying of the corner stone of a new college building in course of erection there. But owing to a bad cold, which he contracted at court in Fredericktown and Greenville lately, and which affects his throat and chest, he has felt obliged to cancel his engagements, and stay at home and take care of himself.

From the Springfield (O.) Globe: "Springfield is not free from the vile pest of crickets, which are now swarming in the city. There is no place in hell for such slimy vermin. They are consigned to a place so much worse than hell as to have no name. We heartily endorse these remarks, whether applied to Springfield, Ohio, or Ironton, Missouri, and whether anonymous letter-writing is done by a Christian (?) zealot or an ordinary blackmailer."

"THE HISTORICAL DISCUSSION."—Mr. "Absurdum" wishes to say that owing to his absence when "Clio's" last article appeared, it escaped his attention until a day or two ago—too late for any remarks in this issue. But after the attractions of "courtship" are over, he may possibly find a quiet hour to try to soften the obdurate heart of his brilliant and fair little antagonist, "C.," alias "Clio."

DIED—At Iron Mountain, on April 15th, 1883, infant son of John B. and Mary Green, Buried at Ironside Monday.

At Crane Pond, April 14th, Wm. J., little son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke White—choked to death by eating dry food of some kind. Buried on farm Monday.

FOR SALE—A Second-Hand Piano, cheap. For further particulars, inquire at this office.

Your buggy or spring wagon will be nicely painted at W. B. Newman's.

## The Chionian Club.

The Chionian Club failed to meet last week, but this week met at usual time and place and went through with a full program. Next Monday being the 39th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, the evening will be devoted to what little is known of him except through his writings, to be given by Mrs. Greason; to some of the things that have been said of him and his writings, given by Mr. Elbaugh; and eulogies and descriptions of some of his plays, given by other members. A pleasant session is anticipated in discussing him of whom Emerson writes:

"Emerson, the great, filled all measure of heart and soul, of strength and pleasure, gave to the minds its emperor, and life was larger than before. Nor subsequent centuries could his grand and sure of Shakespeare's wit. The men who lived with him became Poets, for the air was fame."

## Arcadia Valley Teachers' Association.

The Association met on Saturday, 14th inst., in the Ironton school building. It was called to order at 11 o'clock by President F. C. Miller. Opened with singing. The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. C. L. Elbaugh discussed "Methods of Teaching Physiology." It would have it taught orally in the lower departments; with a text-book in the advanced classes; higher departments, of graded schools, could introduce the study to advanced classes by showing its importance in relation to other science; would use both the topical and question method of reciting, having an outline of the lesson and the illustrations on the blackboard.

The subject seemed to interest those present, judging from the discussion which followed. In the afternoon, our county representative, Mr. T. G. Foley, being present, gave an extended account of the changes made in the school law by the General Assembly recently adjourned. Miss M. Schneider and Mr. C. L. Elbaugh each gave a reading. Mr. F. C. Miller discussed the subject, "Methods in Natural Philosophy." It being the number of philosophical queries proposed when the Query Box was opened, afterward, he impressed his subject on those present. Among the queries were:

"What are complementary colors?" "Why can we not see well out of the window after we have lighted the lamp in the evening?" "Why does the dome of the sky appear flattened?" "Name the kings of England from the time of the Norman Conquest."

Owing to the mistake of the Secretary in publishing the time of the meeting, some of the parties and duty were delayed, and others not present. Nevertheless the session was an interesting one, and good work was done. The Association adjourned to meet in joint session with the St. Francois County Association, at Iron Mountain, on Saturday, May 5th.

C. L. E.

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## A Letter from Bellevue.

A few days ago, I called on Mr. L. D. Carle, who is one of our most progressive farmers. He showed me seven blue ribbons and one red one as evidences of prizes taken at various annual fairs by his stock. In Cotswolds he is held very close by Mr. Lashley; but he has two good average Spanish merinos which are, I believe, the only ones in the valley of Bellevue. They are really good sheep; but I can tell better if permitted to wash and grade the wool. Mr. Carle has at his disposal abundant means, and will succeed better in buying and selling sheep than in handling wool. It may seem strange to distinguish between a sheep and its wool, but the distinction is clearly marked.

The "Oregon fever" prevails here extensively. I have not taken it yet, and judging from the run of the epidemic, it is not likely that I will become a victim. The physical geography of the country does not suit me. It will never be an easy country to get about in. It may be a good place for men of heavy capital, but those of limited means can do better here.

I have heard of no new cases of sickness during this week in our neighborhood. Farmers are more hopeful in regard to their wheat, and are "as busy as nailers" farming and gardening.

On last Sabbath night the sacrament of the Supper was administered at the Baptist Church at Bellevue. I never saw it administered at night before, but I concede without debate that the time was literally correct. April 13th, 1883. T. C.

## Carry the News to Mary!

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